

Claims 15-30 remain in the application.

In item 5 on page 3 of the above-identified Office action, the drawings have been objected to.

Counsel apologizes for the error with regard to the previous submission of Fig. 6. The second occurrence of reference numeral "31" has now been removed from Fig. 6.

In item 6 on page 3 of the Office action, the Examiner required a new title.

The title has been changed to, "Transistor Having Compensation Zones Enabling A Low On-Resistance And A High Reverse Voltage".

In item 8 on page 3 of the Office action, claims 15-30 have been rejected as being anticipated by German Application No. 100 52 170.3 under 35 U.S.C. § 102. Applicant respectfully traverses.

Applicant has properly claimed priority to German Application No. 100 52 170.3 and this application should not be cited as prior art.

German Application No. 100 52 170.3 was filed on October 20, 2000.

October 20, 2001 was a Saturday, while October 22, 2001, the filing date of the corresponding U.S. application was the following Monday.

MPEP 201.13 states that if the last day of the 12 months is a Saturday, the U.S. application is in time if filed on the next succeeding business day (the subheading is entitled, D. - Time for filing U.S. nonprovisional application).

Since October 22, 2001, the filing date of the corresponding U.S. application, is next succeeding business day, the U.S. application was timely filed and priority to the German application is properly claimed.

German Application No. 100 52 170.3 should not be cited as prior art.

It is accordingly believed to be clear that none of the references, whether taken alone or in any combination, either show or suggest the features of claim 15. Claim 15 is, therefore, believed to be patentable over the art and since all of the dependent claims are ultimately dependent on claim 1, they are believed to be patentable as well.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of claims 15-30 are solicited.

In the event the Examiner should still find any of the claims to be unpatentable, he is respectfully requested to telephone counsel so that, if possible, patentable language can be worked out.

If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made.

Please charge any other fees which might be due with respect to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner and Greenberg, P.A., No. 12-1099.

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